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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON SHORT-TERM HEALTH PLAN PROPOSED RULE

Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“When the rule was first proposed, we had raised concerns about the disruptive impact the sale of short-term limited duration plans would have on the New York marketplace, including the potential to fragment the individual and small group markets and increase health care costs for consumers and employers. New York’s existing laws prohibit these plans, regardless of federal regulatory changes, and we had urged the Department of Financial Services to reiterate the state’s existing policies so that there would be clear guidance for the marketplace and that New Yorkers would be protected.

“We remain committed to working closely with DFS to ensure the continued stability of our individual and small group markets in order to preserve the achievements made to date in reducing the number of uninsured New Yorkers and continuing to work toward the goal of universal coverage.”

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The New York Health Plan Association represents 28 managed care health plans that provide comprehensive health care services to nearly 8 million New Yorkers.